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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

MINES & MINERALS – Major Minerals - Withdrawal of orders issued accepting full surrender of Mining Lease area held by M/s APMDC for Iron Ore over an extent of 1307.26 Acres in Sy.No:769,388,418,420 and 208 of Konijedu, Marlapadu, Kanduluru, Sarvireddipalem and Yerajerla Villages of Tanguturu and Ongole Mandals of Prakasam District and restoration of the Mining Lease in favour of M/s Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation (APMDC) – Orders – Issued.

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INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE (M.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.102 Dated: 09/11/2023

Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No.428, I&C (B-I) Department., dt:07.04.1972
2. G.O.Ms.No.95, Ind. & Com. Department, dt:27.04.2009.
3. G.O.Ms.No.15, Ind & Com Department, dt:10.03.2021.
4. G.O.Ms.No.29, Ind. & Com. Department, dt:10.05.2021.
5. From the DM&G, AP Lr.No:23827/P/Iron Ore/2020, dt:07.09.2023.
6. G.O.M.s No.101, Ind. & Com.(M.III) Dept., dt:09.11.2023.

ORDER:

In the G.O. 1st read above, Government have reserved certain lands to an extent of 3143.02 Acres falling in Ongole, Addanki, Kanduluru and Darsi erstwhile Taluks of Prakasam District for exploitation of Iron Ore in the Public Sector. In the said lands, One Mining Lease, over an extent of 1307.06 Acres was granted in favour of M/s APMDC Limited for Iron Ore in Sy.No:769, 388,418,420 and 208 of Konijedu, Marlapadu, Kanduluru, Sarvireddipalem and Yerajerla Villages of Tanguturu and Ongole Mandals of Prakasam District for a period of Twenty (20) years (2009 to 2029), vide G.O. 2nd read above.

2. In the G.O. 3rd read above, Government have accepted the full surrender of Mining Lease area held by M/s APMDC, which was sub leased in favour of M/s Gimpex (P) Limited for Iron Ore over an extent of 1307.26 Acres in Sy.No:769, 388, 418, 420 and 208 of Konijedu, Marlapadu, Kanduluru, Sarvireddipalem and Yerajerla Villages of Tanguturu and Ongole Mandals of Prakasam District for the reasons mentioned therein. Later, Government in due consideration of the recommendations of the Revenue and Mining Departments in the larger public interest, have issued orders, vide GO 4th read above, de-reserving the areas over an extent of 789.88 acres in Sy.No.769 & 388 of Konijedu and Marlapadu Villages of Tangutur Mandal, Prakasam District (which includes part of the surrendered ML area of 1307.26 Acres) from the total areas reserved for exclusive exploitation of Iron ore in public sectors as requested by the District Collector, so as to utilize these lands for the current public purposes, subject to ratification by the Government of India.

3. Subsequently, the DM&G, AP., in the letter 5th read above, has stated that M/s APMDC Ltd., vide Letters Dt.19.01.2023 & 24.08.2023, informed that they are withdrawing their application for full surrender of Mining Lease area and therefore requested to restore the Mining lease for Iron Ore in favour of them by revoking the G.O.3rd read above, wherein orders were issued accepting full surrender of the said mining lease. He has, therefore, requested to issue necessary orders by revoking the orders issued vide G.Os.3rd and 4th read above and to restore the Mining lease for Iron Ore in favour of M/s APMDC.

4. Government, vide G.O. 6th read above, have withdrawn the orders issued vide GO 4th read above, de-reserving low grade Iron Ore areas over an extent of 789.88 acres in Sy.No.769 & 388 of Konijedu and Marlapadu Villages of Tangutur Mandal,

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Prakasam District from the total areas reserved for exclusive exploitation of Iron ore in public sectors, for the reasons mentioned therein.

5. Government, after careful examination of the entire issue and keeping in view the orders issued vide G.O. 6th read above and request of the DM&G., A.P., hereby withdraw the orders issued vide G.O.3rd read above, wherein full surrender of Mining Lease area held by M/s APMDC for Iron Ore over an extent of 1307.26 Acres in Sy.No:769,388,418,420 and 208 of Konijedu, Marlapadu, Kanduluru, Sarvireddipalem and Yerajerla Villages of Tanguturu and Ongole Mandals of Prakasam District was accepted by the Government and consequently restore the said Mining Lease for Iron Ore in favour of M/s APMDC, subject to satisfaction of all other terms and conditions laid down under MM(D&R) Act, and the Rules made thereunder and also standing instructions and guidelines issued by the GoI and State Government from time to time.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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